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MEDIA RELEASE: Fort Benning to observe Native American Indian Heritage Month

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FORT BENNING, Ga. – Fort Benning will observe National American Indian Heritage Month at 11 a.m. Nov. 20 in McGinnis-Wickam Hall's Derby Auditorium.

Keynote speaker Lt. Col. Matthew P. Neumeyer will address this year's theme, "Native Pride and Spirit: Yesterday, Today and Forever."

Thursday's observance will also include a performance by The Mighty Good Drum troupe.

Neumeyer is the commander of the 3rd Battalion, 11th Infantry Regiment (Officer Candidate School), 199th Infantry Brigade.

A graduate of the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, New York, Neumeyer was commissioned as an Infantry officer in 1995. He has served multiple overseas assignments in Kosovo, Iraq and Afghanistan.

Prior to his assignment to Fort Benning, he served as a joint operations planner for U.S. European Command in Stuttgart, Germany.

Native American Indian Heritage Month has been officially celebrated since 1990, when President George H. W. Bush approved a joint resolution designating November as Native American Indian Heritage Month.

November is sometimes referred to as American Indian and Alaska Native Heritage Month. Native Americans have served with distinction since before the American Revolution to the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

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